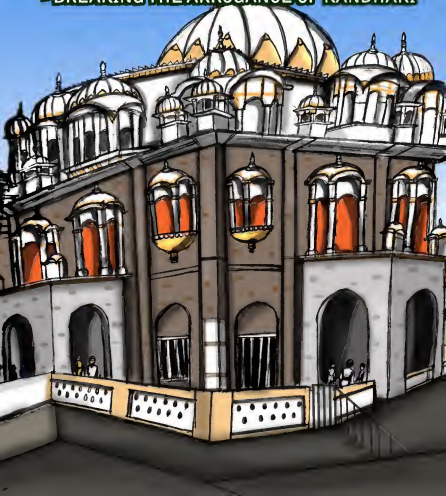


GURU NANAK DEV

- BREAKING THE ARROGANCE OF KANDHARI



Working in a non-governmental organization (NGO) is very hectic, but with it comes a sense of satisfaction and contentment. You can help people learn better and make others aware of humanitarian deeds of great personalities. Preet Kaur, was a very studious and hard working girl. She belonged to an affluent family of an industrialist father. Working in an NGO apart time after college, was her hobby not mere job. She wanted to do that for the satisfaction of her inner self. This way she felt she could serve mankind, just as Guru Nanak Dev preached. She wanted to follow WaheGuru Nanak's footsteps.



As part of her project, Preet narrated stories about Sikh Guru's and their teachings which she thought was the best way possible to enlighten people about human values. She wanted to make people morally strong and kind at heart.



One day Preet decided to narrate an incident of Sri Guru Nanak's life to the children of an orphanage she often visited. It was an incident in the Guru's life that broke the arrogance of Muslim Pir, Wali Kandhaari and led to the construction of 'Gurudwara Panja Sahib'.





Children how
are you all?

The scene is set in a classroom with green walls. A teacher with long dark hair, glasses, a red shirt, and green pants stands on the left, facing a group of children. The children are seated at wooden desks. In the front row, a girl in a blue shirt and green beanie, a boy in a yellow shirt and white beanie, and a girl in a green shirt are visible. A purple water bottle sits on the desk in front of the boy. Behind them, other children in red, purple, and blue shirts are seated. Two speech bubbles are present: one from the teacher asking 'Children how are you all?' and another from the children replying 'We are fine Ma'am?'.

We are fine
Ma'am?

Today you will learn about
Guru Nanak Dev, how he
broke the arrogance of a
Muslim Pir, Wali Kandhari.



Guru Nanak Dev was on his journey to enlighten minds with the belief of One God, irrespective of any religion, caste or creed. From Baghdad Guru Nanak travelled through Tehran, Bukhara, Kagan, Sainkand, Balkh, Kabul and Lalalabad to Peshawar.



There at the temple of Gorakh Nath, he met the leader of the Yogis. He had a discourse with him. He stayed there for some days preaching to the people to live peacefully.



Guru Nanak then crossed the Indus and came to Hasan Abdal. It was a small village situated near the back of a hill.



On the top of the hill there lived a Muslim Pir. He was known as Baba Wali Kandhaari.



The Guru chose a fine
place and sat near the hill.
There they took rest.





The Next day the Guru
asked Mardaana to tune
the Rabab and then the
Guru started to sing his
hymns.

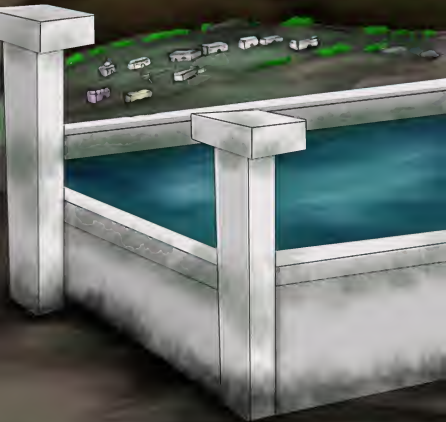
When the residents of village,
heard the voice of Guru, they
came to pay homage to him. The
Guru advised them to love one
another and to believe in One
God.



The people of the village made it a routine to attend the holy gathering of the Guru. But as a ritual as designated by the Muslim Pir they were supposed to pay homage to Baba Wali Kandhaari. When Baba Wali Kandhaari came to know that the people had not paid him homage, he was enraged.



On the top of the hill near the abode of Baba Wali Kandhaari stood a big tank full of water. That tank always remained filled to brim. Spare water flowed towards the village. The people of the village relied on this water, and so the lives of the villagers were truly in Baba Wali Kandhaari's hands.



When he perceived that villagers had become the disciples of a Saint, he stopped the flow of water. The villagers were grieved to know about it.



They realized that without water they would not be able to live in that village. The villagers went up the hill to request Baba Wali Kandhari. But he abused and cursed them.

Please give us water,
we need it very des-
perately as there is no
other source of water
for us.

Go away from here and ask your
holy man to provide you water.
You have forgotten me and now
consider him more powerful
than I am."



The villagers came down the hill without water. On the advice of the Guru Mardaana also went up the hill to request the Wali Baba. But Wali refused to give him water.

If your master is so accomplished, why is he not giving you water to quench the thirst of his villagers?



Bhai Mardana, the disciple who was accompanying the Guru on his journey also walked down and told the Guru of what Wali told to the villagers. The Guru again asked Bhai Mardana and other followers to go up the hill to request the Wali Baba with humility. The villagers obeyed the Guru only to return disappointed and aggrieved.



Guru Nanak Dev then asked a villager to lift a stone from the hillside.



When the stone was lifted, water rushed out much to the amazement of the villagers.




This is a miracle Guruji.
How did you do it? Now
we can quench our thirst.

Now you all can drink
this water.

The villagers along with Bhai Mardana drank the water to their fill and
quenched the thirst of their aggrieved souls.

The Pir, Wali Kandhari was not at all happy with this. As the water from the new spring flowed, his reservoir was beginning to dry up. This enraged Wali Kandhari.



This is not good, the villagers will no longer pay me homage. I will kill the Guru.

Wali Kandhari rolled down a big stone down the hill in the direction towards the direction of Guru Nanak Dev, who was meditating.



When the Guru saw the big stone rolling down towards him, he stopped it with his open palm. His hand made an impression in the stone.



Kandhari was so stunned that he fell at the feet of the Guru.

How did this happen? Oh
Guru please forgive me.

The stone with the palm-mark is still preserved on the site and here we will find Gurudwara Panja Sahib.



In this way, Kandhari was rid of his arrogance. Wali Kandhari's arrogance had turned him into a tyrannical, inhuman person. But now he was different and became the true disciple of Guru Nanak Dev. Did you all like the story?

Yes, Ma'am and we also learned that arrogance is not good and it will never do good to us. We will never let it touch us.

Yes, children, always be kind to others and help those in need and you will be happy by seeking their blessings. Guru Nanak Dev Ji also made Wali Kandhari understand that there is only one supreme power of the almighty. No human on this earth can surpass him.

